(c) Mr. Strathie seems to have inspected the site and to have been inclined to approve of the acquisition of S. Nos. 15/2 and 19/1 to 3.

(d) The Commissioner of Labour will take steps to acquire the area, if necessary, provided the Ādi-Dravidas are prepared to bear the cost of acquisition.

Allottment during 1930–1933 *to the Labour Department for sinking wells, etc., in the Northern Circars.*

*376 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the amount of money granted by the Government from 1930–1933 to the Labour Department in various districts of Northern Circars for the purpose of sinking wells and purchasing land for burial-grounds and the amount of money surrendered by the Labour Department to the Government during the same period?

A.—The amounts allotted and the amounts spent in the several districts during the years 1930–31 to 1932–33 are given below:—

District.	1930–31.		1931–32.		1932–33.	
	Amount allotted.	Amount spent.	Amount allotted.	Amount spent.	Amount allotted.	Amount spent.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	4,160	4,160	3,024	3,024	..	..
Vizagapatam ..	3,878	3,714	128	53	..	..
East Godavari ..	31,500	29,580	7,180	6,647	7,527	6,814
West Godavari.	15,000	14,331	6,220	6,139	15,200	15,134
Kistna	20,000	19,777	7,344	6,075	9,600	7,696
Guntur ..	40,000	39,959	8,800	8,341	17,630	17,093

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Working of the compulsory elementary education scheme in the Vellore Municipality.

377 Q.—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) what the increase is in the strength of school-going children in the Vellore Municipality after the introduction of compulsory elementary education;

(b) what the number is of the pupils now on the rolls;

(c) what the number was before the scheme was introduced;

(d) how many prosecutions were instituted after the introduction of the scheme for non-compliance with the rules;

(e) what the amount is of fines realized under this head (figures for the last three years may be furnished); and

(f) what the special grant made by the Government is to the Vellore Municipality in connexion with the introduction of compulsory education?

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A.—Compulsory elementary education has been introduced in the Vellore Municipality for boys only and the answers are therefore confined to satistics regarding boys.

(*a*) 1,360.

(*b*) 3,765.

(*c*) 2,267.

(*d*) Nil.

(*e*) Nil.

(*f*) The Government have been paying to the municipal council annually a contribution equivalent to the proceeds of the education tax collected, the levy of which was sanctioned along with the introduction of the scheme of compulsory elementary education. No special grant was or is being paid in connexion with the introduction of compulsory education.

Irrigation

Alleged outflow of water from the Surada and Russellkonda reservoirs resulting in damage to lands and crops.

378 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether during this fasli water was let out from the reservoirs at Surada and Russellkonda to prevent breaches;

(*b*) if so, when the waters of the reservoirs were let out;

(*c*) if sudden outflow of water from the reservoirs caused damage to lands and crops thereon; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to make good the damage so caused and how?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Water was let out from the Surada reservoir on 2nd August 1933 and 10th September 1933. No water was let out from the Russellkonda reservoir.

(*c*) & (*d*) The water let out from the Surada reservoir was comparatively insignificant and the effect of the discharge was almost nil; no damage could have been caused by it to land and crops.

Improvements to the Gonteru drain in the West Godavari district.

379 *Q.*—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report called for by the Government as mentioned in answer to question No. 853 answered on 9th October 1929; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to improve the Gonteru drain in the West Godavari district and, if so, what steps?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) considered that any improvement to the drain will not prevent inundation of the adjacent lands, but the ryots whose lands suffer from submersion have been given substantial relief by the classification of their lands in the permanent second-crop zone.

Land Revenue Administration

Taxation in Malabar and South Kanara on improvements to lands made by ryots.

380 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the rule, that the ryots' improvements are not to be taxed, apply in the case of Malabar and South Kanara; and

(b) whether the Government have taken into consideration the hilly character of the country in assessing newly improved lands in these districts?

A.—(a) Yes. But the nature of the cultivation of a particular land is not in itself an improvement of the kind protected by this principle.

(b) Yes.

Employment of coercive measures for the collection of land revenue in South Kanara.

381 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the total land revenue is of South Kanara;

(b) what amount was collected during the last fasli without coercive measures, what amount was collected after issuing distraint warrants, what amount was collected after attaching movable properties and immovable properties respectively;

(c) what amount was realized by selling movable and immovable properties respectively;

(d) what amount still remains to be collected; and

(e) whether it is a fact that very valuable properties have been sold for paltry sums?

A.—(a) According to the Demand, Collection and Balance statements received from the Board of Revenue, the demand for fasli 1342 is Rs. 27,92,609 including miscellaneous revenue.

(b), (c) & (e) The Government have not yet received the information.

(d) According to the Land Revenue Demand, Collection and Balance Statements for August 1933 (the latest month for which statements have been received) the arrears of fasli 1342 which still remained to be collected in South Kanara amount to Rs. 57,204.

Prisons and Prisoners

Alleged assault on Mr. Howe, Superintendent of Jail, Madura.

*382 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many Civil Disobedience prisoners were admitted in Madura jail in 1932;

(b) whether Mr. Howe, the Jail Superintendent, was beaten by the prisoners;

(c) whether the Government enquired into the reasons for the assault upon him by the prisoners;

(d) if so, what the result of the enquiry was; and

(e) whether there were any B class prisoners in the jail at the time of the assault?

A.—(a) 525.

(b) Mr. Howe was assaulted by a convict belonging to a criminal tribe on 21st November 1932.

(c) The Government have made an enquiry after receipt of notice of this interpellation.

(d) On the morning of 21st November 1932, when Mr. Howe went into the quarantine yard for inspection, a number of civil disobedience movement prisoners refused to form into line and they lay themselves down on the veranda refusing to stand up. While they were made to fall into line, one convict assaulted Mr. Howe from behind his back.

(e) Yes, there were thirty-seven B class prisoners at the time of the assault.

Depressed Classes

Action taken by the Government on the resolutions passed by the conference of untouchable Christians held at Trichinopoly in July 1933.

383 Q.—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a copy of the resolutions of the conference of the untouchable Christians held at Trichinopoly on 23rd July 1933 was received by the Government;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the resolutions on the table of the House; and

(c) whether any action was taken upon the resolutions?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.